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INSTALLATION OF AIR MONITORS IN OPERABLE UNIT (OU) 3 - MSB-004-94

Ref: L. W. Carson Itr to J. K. Hartman, Resumption of OU 3 Field Activities, June 17, 1993

As partial fulfillment of the approved Remedial Investigation (RI) work plan for OU 3, three ultra high volume air samplers as well as two meteorological monitoring stations are to be installed in the Standley Lake area. The data provided by the air samplers will be used to confirm historical data collected by the Radiological Ambient Air Monitoring Program (RAAMP) samplers. Completion of this activity has been hampered, in part, by the presence of bald eagles exhibiting nesting behavior in the vicinity of Standley Lake. Since the bald eagles are protected under the Endangered Species Act, Rocky Flats Office (RFO) have in the past been very judicious regarding RI activities in OU 3 when the eagles are present. Past discussions and correspondence with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) have provided some guidance regarding this matter. Because circumstances have changed since the USFWS guidance was issued, it is recommended that we x renew these discussions to ensure that the OU 3 RI activities continue without interfering with nesting activities of the bald eagles. It is recommended that RFO propose the construction of the air monitors and meteorological stations, and invite the USFWS for a demonstration of their operation. This would satisfy the interest expressed in the referenced letter.

 $\stackrel{\times}{\sim}$  A subcontract to install the air monitors is currently being negotiated. A meeting with USFWS should occur as soon as possible to insure that the work will be completed without further delay. With RFO's direction, I will establish a meeting with USFWS to discuss this matter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at extension 8519.

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